

Maharashtra to give Rs 25 lakh each to students who scaled Everest

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The other five students, who could not complete the entire trek, would be rewarded with Rs 10 lakh, state finance minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said today.

"The state government has rewarded the five students, who successfully completed the trek, with Rs 25 lakh each and they will be given a job in the police force.

The five others, who attempted to scale the summit but could not complete the trek, will be given Rs 10 lakh each," Mungantiwar said.

The state government has already been giving monetary assistance to winners of the Olympic games and sportsmen who play at the national level, he said.

"These tribal students have not only made the state, but the whole country proud by completing this difficult trek," Mungantiwar, who is also the guardian minister of Chandrapur district, told PTI.

The five tribal students who scaled the peak are: Umakant Madavi, Parmesh Ale, Manisha Dhurve, Kavidas Kathmode and Vikas Soyam, all from Chandrapur district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had on Sunday congratulated the five students on their feat, in his 'Mann ki Baat' radio address.

The five were the among the 10 students of Ashramshalas (state-run residential schools for tribals) from Chandrapur district, selected for the Everest expedition as part of the tribal development department's 'Mission Shaurya 2018'.

The team, with members aged between 18 and 21 years, had left on April 11 from Mumbai for the 60-day expedition.

The selection process had begun in July last year with a school-level screening of 60 students, out of whom 45 were selected for the foundation training in Wardha district.

After further shortlisting, 18 students were selected for a mountaineering course at Darjeeling. Of them, 13 were sent for an advanced training in Leh before 10 students were selected for the final team.

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